

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

B/O Form PTO-1390 Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371		<i>Attorney's Docket Number</i> THIE3021/JEK <i>U.S. Application Number (if known)</i> 10/583379
International Application Number PCT/EP2004/014751	International Filing Date December 17, 2004	Priority Date Claimed December 18, 2003
Title of Invention SKIRTING BOARD, FLOOR COVERING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SKIRTING BOARD		
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US Bernard THIERS et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under <i>35 USC 371</i>. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under <i>35 USC 371</i>. 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (<i>35 USC 371(f)</i>) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in <i>35 USC 371(b)</i> and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed <i>35 USC 371(c)(2)</i>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (<i>35 USC 371(c)(2)</i>). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (<i>35 USC 371(c)(3)</i>) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (<i>35 USC 371(c)(3)</i>). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (<i>35 USC 371(c)(4)</i>). (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executed <input type="checkbox"/> Unexecuted) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (<i>35 USC 371(c)(5)</i>). <p>Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under <i>37 CFR 1.97</i> and <i>1.98</i>. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with <i>37 CFR 3.28</i> and <i>3.31</i> is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under <i>37 CFR 1.76</i>. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 		

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....\$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee\$200.00			\$500.00		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search Fee: <input type="checkbox"/> If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared b IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$0.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400.00 <input type="checkbox"/> All other situations.....\$500.00					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fractions thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fractions thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE		
- 100 =	/50=		x \$250.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).					
CLAIMS	NUMBER	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	33	-20 =	13	× \$50.00	\$ 650.00
Independent Claims	5	-3 =	2	× \$200.00	\$ 400.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable)				+ \$360.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Small Entity Status is asserted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27 for this application.					
			SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,950.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).					
			TOTAL NATIONAL FEE	\$ 1,950.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.					
			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED	\$ 1,950.00	
			Amount to be:	Refunded:	
				Charged:	

- a. A check in the amount of **\$1,950.00** to cover the fees is enclosed.
- b. Please charge my **Deposit Account Number 02-0200** in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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